

# Practice Development Lead East Area

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I am a senior nurse who supports all staff within East Area District Nursing Service. I feel lucky to work with individual staff members as well as teams and projects which have input across Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and all Wales. No day is really the same, there is so much happening within District Nursing to make it fit for the next 75 years.

I love being involved with the service I have worked in for over 30 years. I've seen so many of the staff grow and develop into the leaders of today's service and others who have found their careers in different yet linked community services.

I've worked in the NHS for 42 years! Starting my career at the age of 17, I was an Auxiliary Nurse in Chester Royal infirmary Orthopaedic ward. I did my State Enrolled Nurse (SEN) training in Birkenhead General Hospital qualifying in 1983 and working in the huts in Clatterbridge Hospital for 2 years. I then joined Wrexham Maelor Hospital Medical Unit, working for Miss Savage.

In 1990, I started in the community nursing service in Denbigh, moved to Flint and then Holywell where I went to do my Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP). This allowed me to do my Registered Nurse (RN) conversion. I then moved over to Connah's Quay to start my BSc Hons with SPQ in District Nursing and Nurse prescribing. And from there, I was team leader for nearly 20 years. I retired five years ago and returned to this role.



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